

Confidential.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the year 1944.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN & COUNCILLORS FOR THE BOROUGH OF LYDD.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:-

The area of the Borough is 11.937 acres.

The Resident Population, according to the Registrar General's returns was:-

1521.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of the year 1944, according to the Rate Books was:- 961.

The Rateable Value was £14,991.

The sum represented by a penny rate was £53.

VITAL STATISTICS.

					Males:	Females:	Total:
LIVE BIRTHS:-	Legitimate	...	...	...	14	10	24
	Illegitimate	...	...	...	5	-	5
					<u>19</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>29</u>

This gives a Birth Rate of 19.06 per 1000 of the estimated resident population.

The Birth Rate for England & Wales was:- 17.6

The Birth Rates for the past five years:-

							Lydd:	England & Wales:
1940	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.08	14.60
1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	15.82	14.20
1942	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.66	15.80
1943	...	...	...	...	...	...	21.19	16.50
1944	...	...	...	...	...	...	19.06	17.60
Average							<u>17.16</u>	<u>15.74</u>

DEATHS:-

Male:
15Female:
10Total:
25

This gives a Death Rate of 16.43.

The Death Rate for England & Wales was:- 11.60.

The Death Rates for the past five years:-

							Lydd:	England & Wales:
1940	...	...	...	...	...	...	12.76	14.30
1941	...	...	...	...	...	...	17.89	12.90
1942	...	...	...	...	...	...	14.66	11.60
1943	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.27	12.10
1944	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.43	11.60
Average							<u>14.40</u>	<u>12.50</u>

STILL BIRTHS:- There were no Stillbirths.

There was no unusual or excessive Mortality.

Deaths from Cancer	- 3.
" " Heart disease	- 8.
" " Puerperal causes	- 1.
" " Measles	- Nil.
" " Whooping Cough	- Nil.
" " Tuberculosis	- Nil.
" " Diarrhoea (in children under 2 years of age)	- Nil.

The following Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Pneumonia	- 8
Whooping Cough	- 8
Scarlet Fever	- 1
Measles	- 2
Diphtheria	- 1
Puerperal Pyrexia	- 1
Tuberculosis	- one Male, non-pulmonary.

The cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria were sent to the Ashford Isolation Hospital.

WATER SUPPLY:-

The supply remains the same and there was no shortage during the year. Thirteen samples were examined bacteriologically at the County Pathological Laboratory and all except one were returned as good. The exception was investigated and was probably due to war conditions, and the next samples were good. Slight over-chlorination occurred on four occasions but not to the extent it did in the past.

There is no plumbo-solvent action. The catchment area of the Littlestone Water Company is being carefully watched for any form of contamination. About 60% of the dwelling houses are directly attached to the Water Mains and 75% of the population derives its water supply thus. Some 10% of the dwelling houses get their water from standpipes and 15% of the population derives its water supply thus.

HOUSING:-

A very large number of houses have been damaged by enemy action, some beyond repair, and the necessity for first-aid repairs has prevented the commencement of the general housing survey which the Ministry requires. Post War Housing Schemes for Temporary (30), and Permanent (50) houses are in course of preparation.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

11th September, 1945.

ARNOLD McMILLAN.

